IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

TUESDAY, THE 23RD JANUARY 2007 / 3RD MAGHA 1928

WP(C).No. 1620 of 2007(P)

PETITIONERS:

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1. **K.S.SURESH BABU, AGED 46 YEARS,**
   S/O.SRI.K.K.SREEDHARAN, METER READER,
   WATER WORKS SUB DIVISION, SECTION-II,
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, PALLIMUKKU, ERNAKULAM.

2. **SUNNY MATHEW,**
   S/O.N.J.MATHEW, METER READER,
   WATER WORKS SUB DIVISION, SECTION-I,
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, CHEMBUKKAVU, THRISSUR.

3. **CHERIYA MUHAMMED T.,**
   S/O.HUSSAN C., METER READER, SECTION NO.II,
   DISTRIBUTION SUB DIVISION NO.I,
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, WEST HILLS, KOZHIKODE.

4. **SUNIL KUMAR V.M.,**
   S/O.ANANDAN, METER READER,
   DISTRIBUTION SUB DIVISION NO.2,
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, WEST HILLS, KOZHIKODE.

5. **M.K.GOPINATHAN,**
   S/O.SRI.M.K.KOCHUNNY, METER READER,
   WATER WORKS SUB DIVISION, SECTION-II,
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, PALLIMUKKU, ERNAKULAM.

BY ADV. SRI.M.R.GOPALAKRISHNAN NAIR
SRI.B.SOMADASAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. **THE KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,**
   REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR,
   JALA-BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. **THE DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER (GL),**
   KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

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3. T.P.SATHYAN,
METER READER, DISTRIBUTION SUB DIVISION NO.II,
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, WEST HILLS, KOZHIKODE.

4. M.P.MOOSAKUTTY,
METER READER, DISTRIBUTION SUB DIVISION NO.II,
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, WEST HILLS, KOZHIKODE.

5. A.MURALEEDHARAN NAIR,
METER READER, PH DIVISION,
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, THIRUVALLA.

R1 & 2 BY ADV. SRI.J.KRISHNA KUMAR, SC, KWA.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

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Dated this the 23rd day of January, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

The petitioners are working as Meter Readers under the 1st respondent. Ext.P3 provisional seniority list of Meter Readers as on 1-1-2002 was prepared and published by the 2nd respondent inviting objections from aggrieved persons. It is stated that the petitioners have come to know about Ext.P3 dated 15-2-2006 only very late, as it was circulated in their office long after that circular was issued. It is further stated that the petitioners have filed their objections to Ext.P3 immediately thereafter. Ext.P4 is the objection filed by the 1st petitioner. Counsel submits that similar objections have been filed by other petitioners also.

2. The challenge is to Ext.P3. However, it is unnecessary for this Court to examine the contentions of the petitioners, at this stage, since it is the primary duty of the 2nd respondent to consider all the objections received by it against Ext.P3 and to finalise the list.

3. Counsel for respondents 1 and 2 submits that objections are being examined and it will take some time

for the 2nd respondent to publish the final list.

4. In the nature of the order I propose to pass, notice need not be issued to respondents 3 to 5.

5. The 2nd respondent is directed to consider the objections in accordance with law, finalise the provisional list and publish the same as early as possible, in any event, within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this Judgment. The 1st petitioner shall produce a copy of this Judgment before the 2nd respondent for information and necessary action.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

K.K.DENESAN, JUDGE.

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